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SUBJECT: YEMEN MININTERIOR COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SAUDI VISIT

1. YARG MININTERIOR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD AL-UYSUFI MADE OFFICEAL VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA FEBRUARY 1-8, 1976 WHICH RESULTED IN NEW PROMSISES OF SPECIAL SAUDI AID AND SUPPORT FOR MOI ACTIVITIES.

2. ALTHOUGH MAIN CONTACT WAF WITH SAUDI MIN-INTERIOR, PRINCE NAYF BIN ABD AL-AZIZ SAUD, YUSUFI REPORTEDLY RECEIVED BY OTHER LEADING SAF FIGURES AS WELL, INCLUDING KING KHALID AAD PRINCES FAHD AND SULTAN. ACCORDING UK EMBASSY, YUSUF LIVED MUCH OF HIS YOUTH IN SUADI ARABIA AND IS WELL KNOWN AND CSRY WELL LIKED BY THEM. YUSUFI IS GRADUATE OF RUYADH POLICE ACADEMY.

3. ACCORDING TO YEMENI WEEKLY "AL-YAMAN" (MOUTHPIECE OF FORMIN ASNAG), SPECIAL AID PROMISED TO MOI TOTALS MORE THAN SR 10 MILLION AND WILL INCLUDE COST OF A NUMBER OF EMERGENCY PATROL CARS, TRANSPORT VEHICLES, WIR.3 4-\$89 35 , AND QUANTITY OF LIGHT WEAPONS, AND SEVERAL FIRE TRUCKS (MOI IN CHARGE OF FIRE FIGHTING IN YAR). ADDITIONALLY, SARDIA REPORTEDLY AGREED TO TRAIN NUMBER OF YEMENI OFFICERS IN PASSPORT AND TRAFFIC CONTROL. UK SOURCE SAYS HOWEVER THAT MOHAMED KHAMIS, WHO IS HEAD OF MININT INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GOT NOTHING ALTHOUGH HE TOOK LONG LIST WITH HIM.

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4. COMMENT: YUSUFI INITIALLY SCHEDULED TO VISIT
SAUDI ARABIA SHORTLY AFTER HIS APPOINTMENT AS MININTERIOR LAST
SUMMER. VISIT WAS POSTPONED, AND WAS NOT RESCHEDULED UNTIL
EARLY THIS YEAR. THIS DELAY VIEWED AS RELATED TO COS CHASHMI'S
CONCLUSIVE TALKS WITH SAUDIS THIS FALL AND, LATER, TO SAUDI
PIQUE AT COMMAND COUNCIL MEMBER ABDULLA ABD AL-ALLEM'S
NOVEMBER VISIT TO USSR. VISIT WHEN IT DID FINALLY OCCUR WAS MORE
SUCCESSFUL THAN MOST OBSERVERS HERE THOUGH IT WOULD BE,
ALTHOUGH YUSUFI NOT VIEWED AS INFLUENTIAL IN POLITICAL MATTERS
AS WERE HIS TWO PREDECESSORS, YAHYA MUTAWAKKIL AND HAMOUD
BAYDAR. SAUDIS
EEM TO HAVE FORGED ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT
TIE TO YARG TO SUPPLEMENT ECONOMIC AND RECENTLY MILITARY AID.

ON OTHER HAND, IF SAUDIS ACTUALLY DECLINED AID TO KHAMIS
OPERATION, IT IS PUZZLING CONTRADICTION.
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